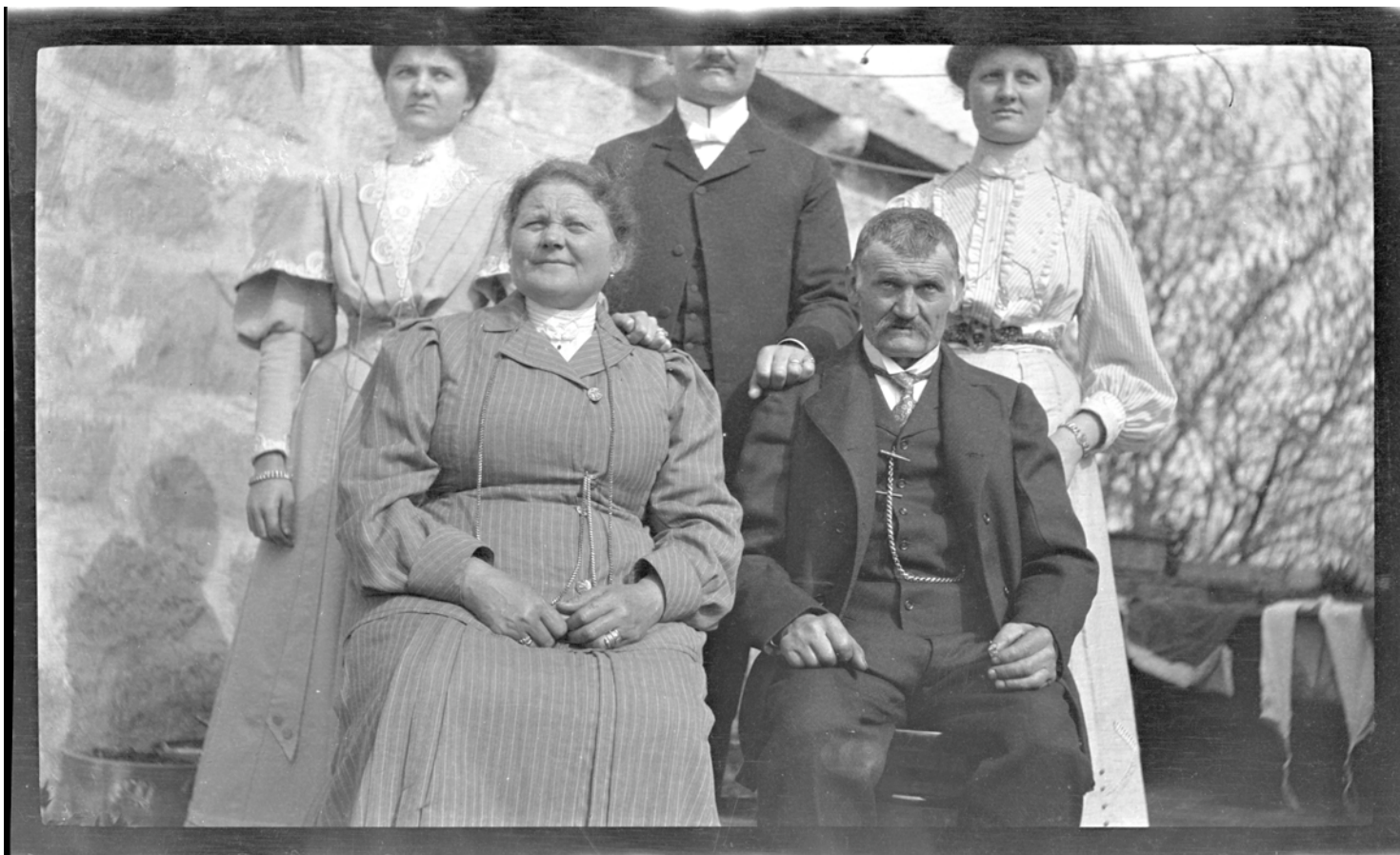


## **A short history of these photos**

Negatives of these photos were found by John Scurich in the office of his farm in Watsonville, California, in 2010. He had never seen them before and had no idea what was in the photos. John is the grandson of Steve Scurich (1868-1944) who was born in Čilipi, Austria (today in Croatia), immigrated to California in the 1880s, and returned to Konavle in Jan. 1908 to visit his family. These photos were taken during that visit. His brother Peter went with him, and Luke Cikuth, also from Konavle and living in Watsonville, made the trip at the same time. All of these people and their wives are in these photos.

These photos were probably taken with a Kodak Brownie box camera, which had been on the market since 1900. The person taking some of the photos was certainly a beginner at photography because in many of the photos, the heads are cut off. These are some of the earliest candid (non-professional) photos of Konavle known to exist.



Main street in Gruda, Austria, in 1908 (today it's in Croatia). Sign says "V. Glavić, Konava kod Pošte". Luka "Vuko" Glavić (1840-1917) was the postmaster in Gruda at this time. He is the older man in the doorway.





Train station in Gruda, Austria (today in Croatia) in 1908. Far right is Peter Scurich (1876-1956) who is visiting from Watsonville, CA.







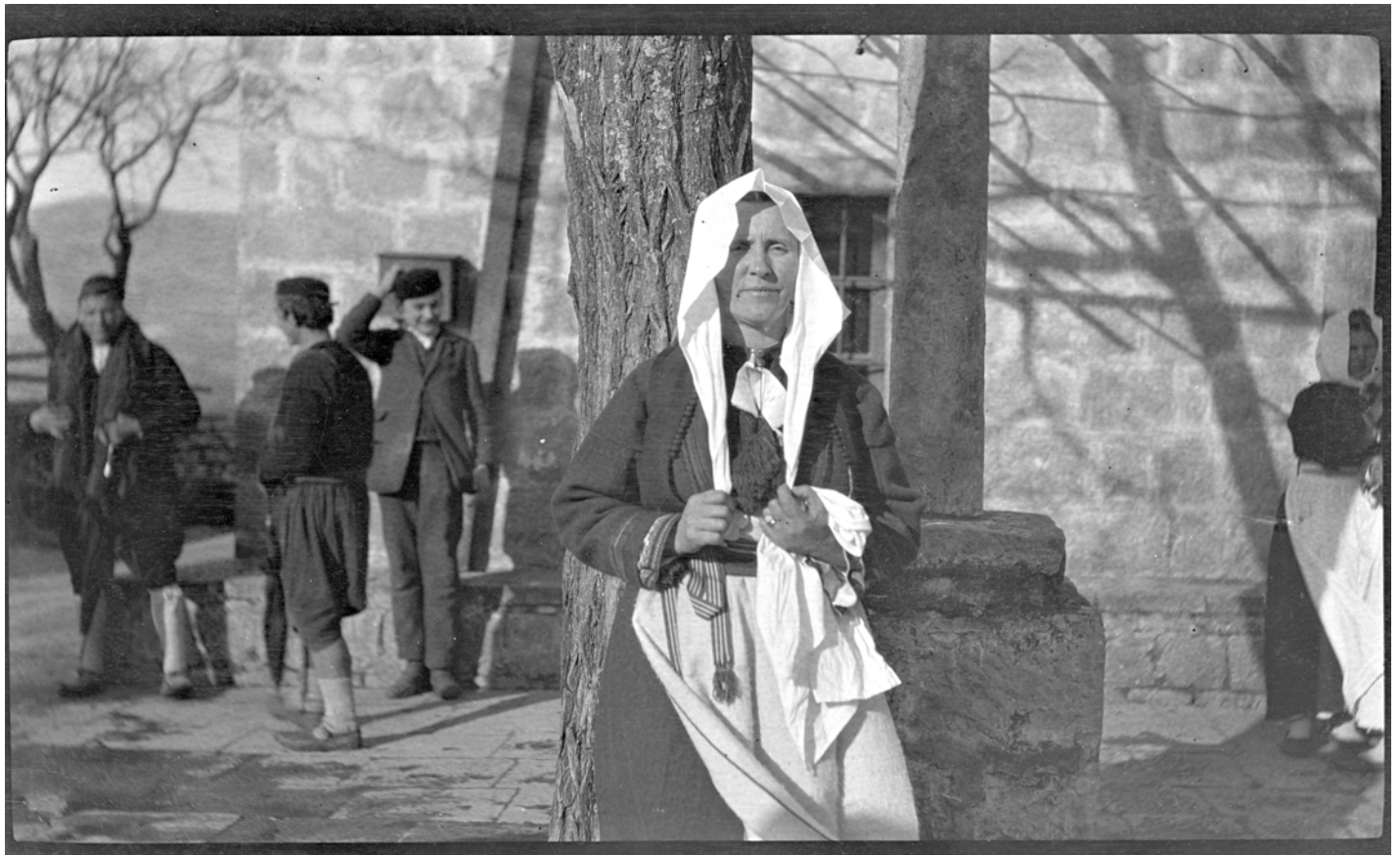




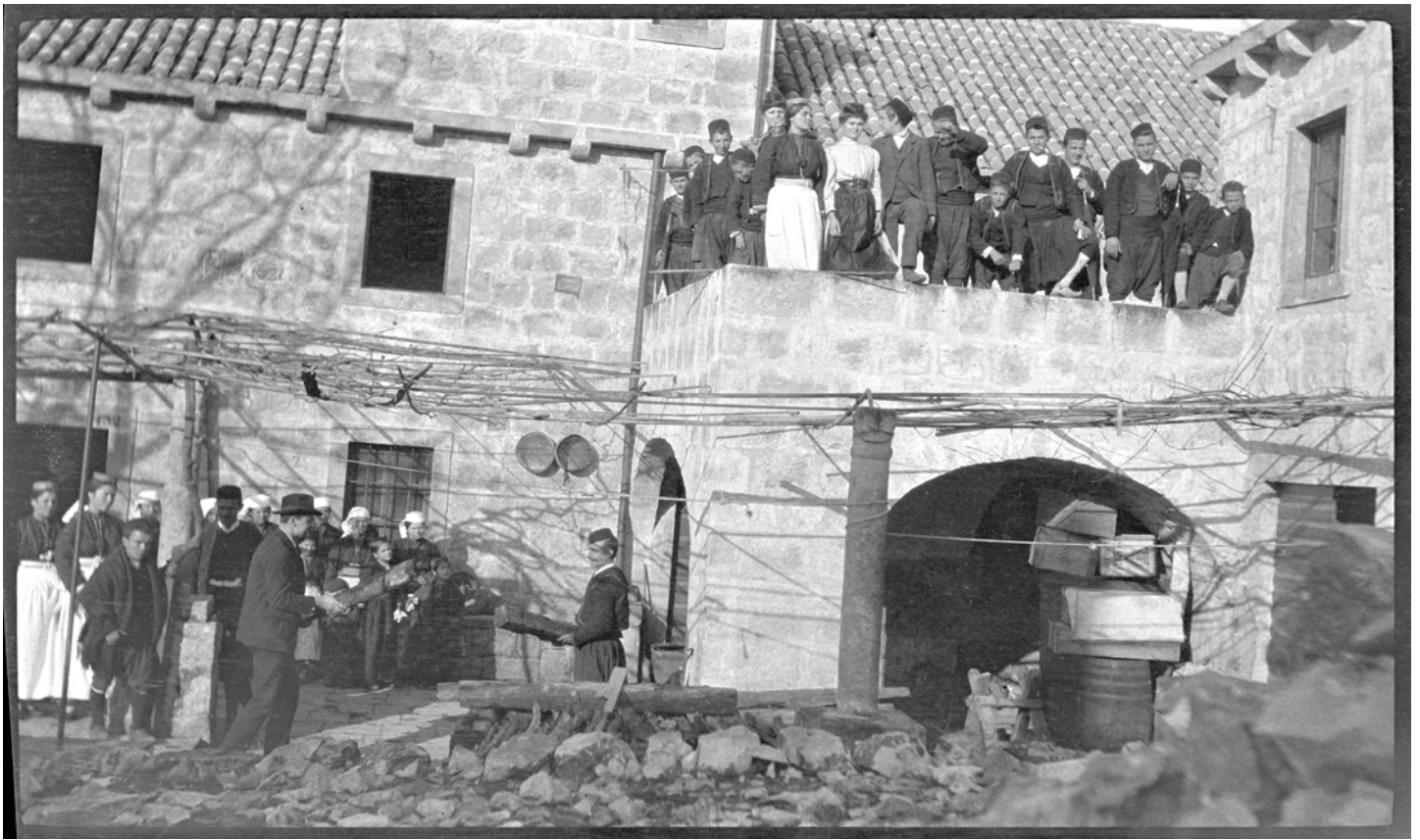




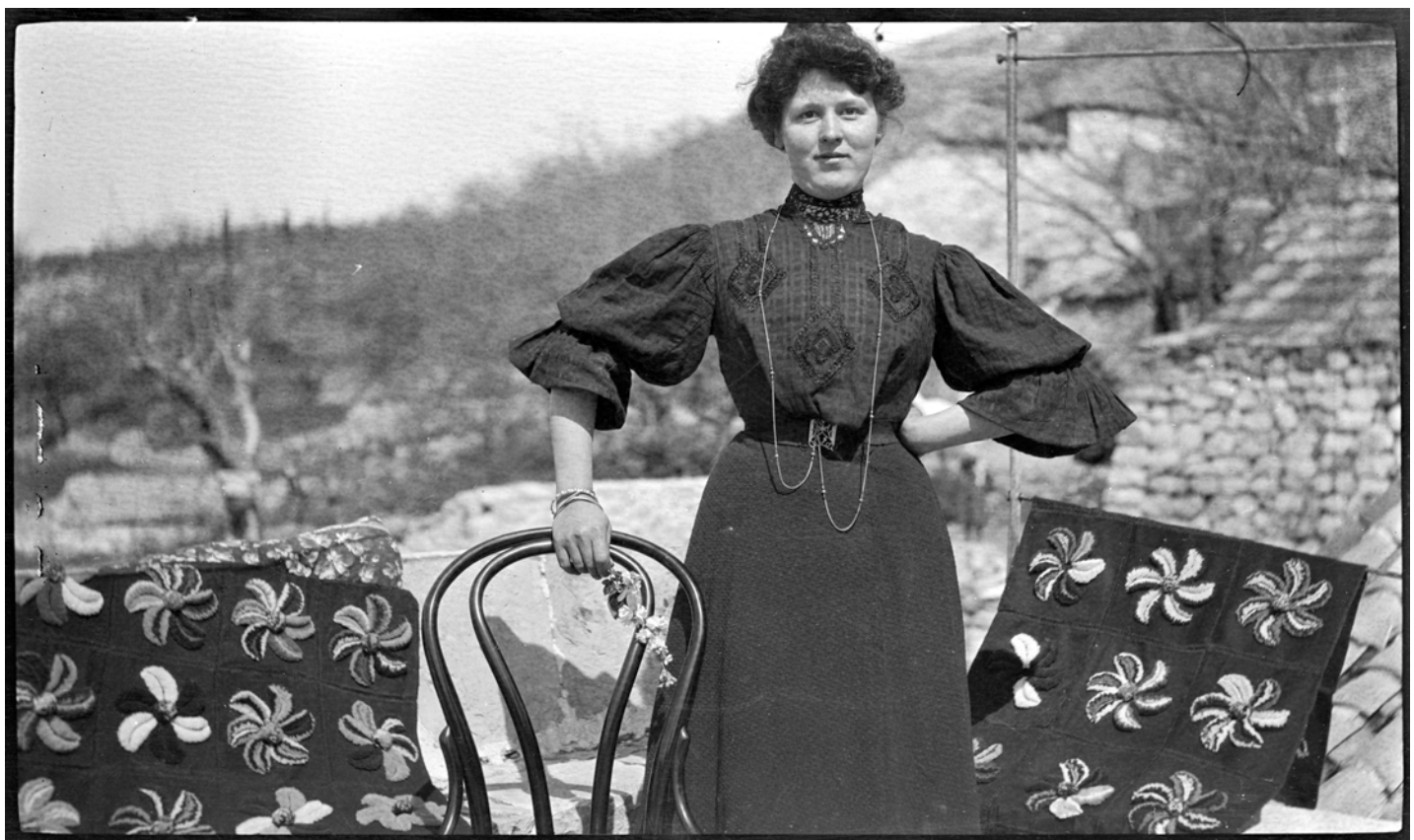
Konavle, 1908. Luke Cikuth (left, back; 1873-1970). Peter Scurich (right, front; 1876-1956). Luke and Peter are visiting from Watsonville, CA.















1908. Skurić family of Čilipi, Austria (today in Croatia) and friends. Antun Skurić (1837-1924) is the older man sitting in the middle. His youngest son, Peter Scurich (1876-1956) is next to him. Four of five Skurić brothers emigrated to Watsonville, CA. The brother who did not emigrate, Ivo (1871-1956), is at the red arrow. Luke Cikuth (1873-1970) is standing, left. Luke and Peter were visiting from Watsonville.



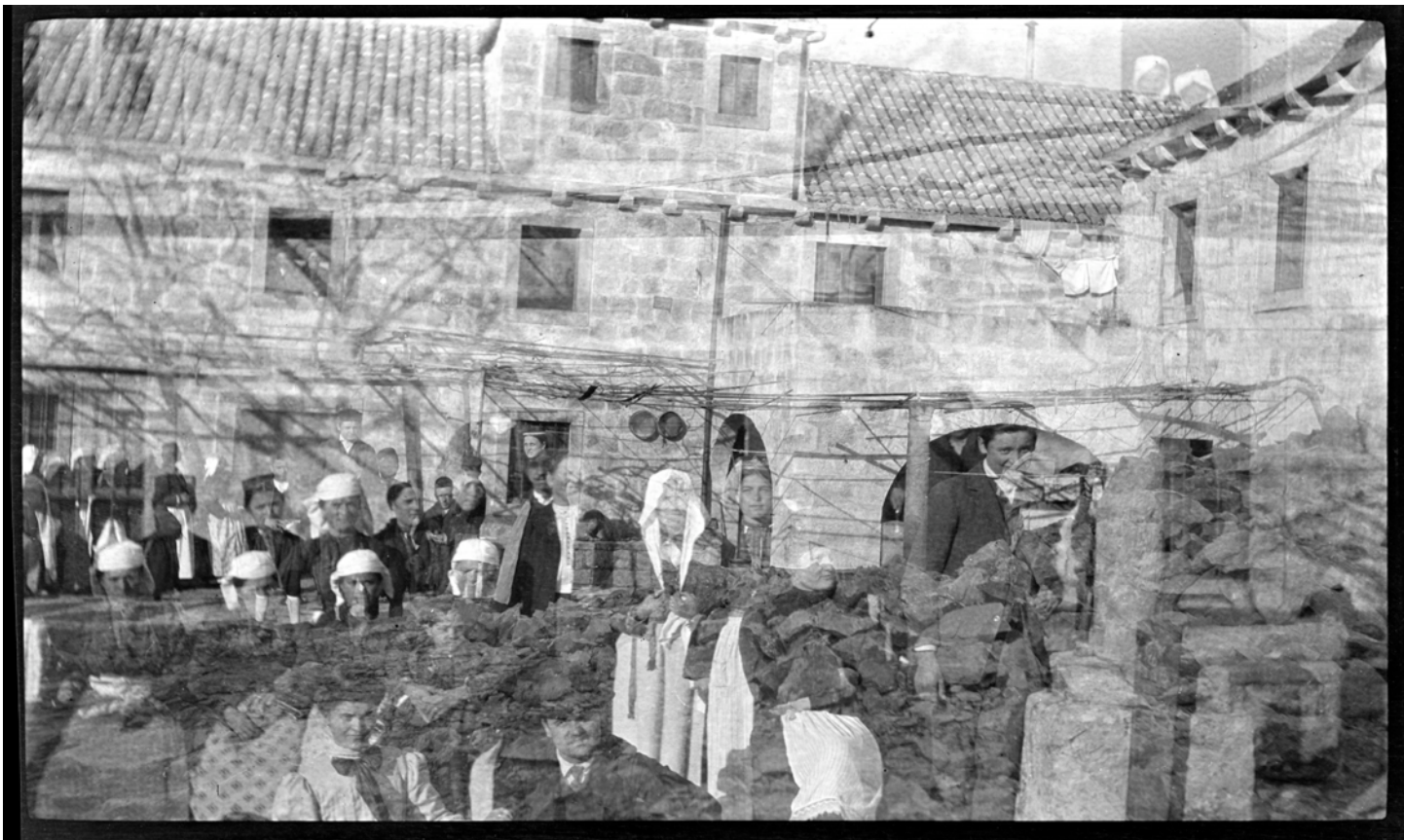






Main street in Cavtat in 1908. Today the post office is in part of this building. Peter Scurich (1876-1956) is 2nd from right in western dress. He was visiting from Watsonville, CA.





Double exposure.







Unknown family in Konavle in 1908. Peter Scurich (1876-1956) is in western dress. He is visiting from Watsonville, CA.









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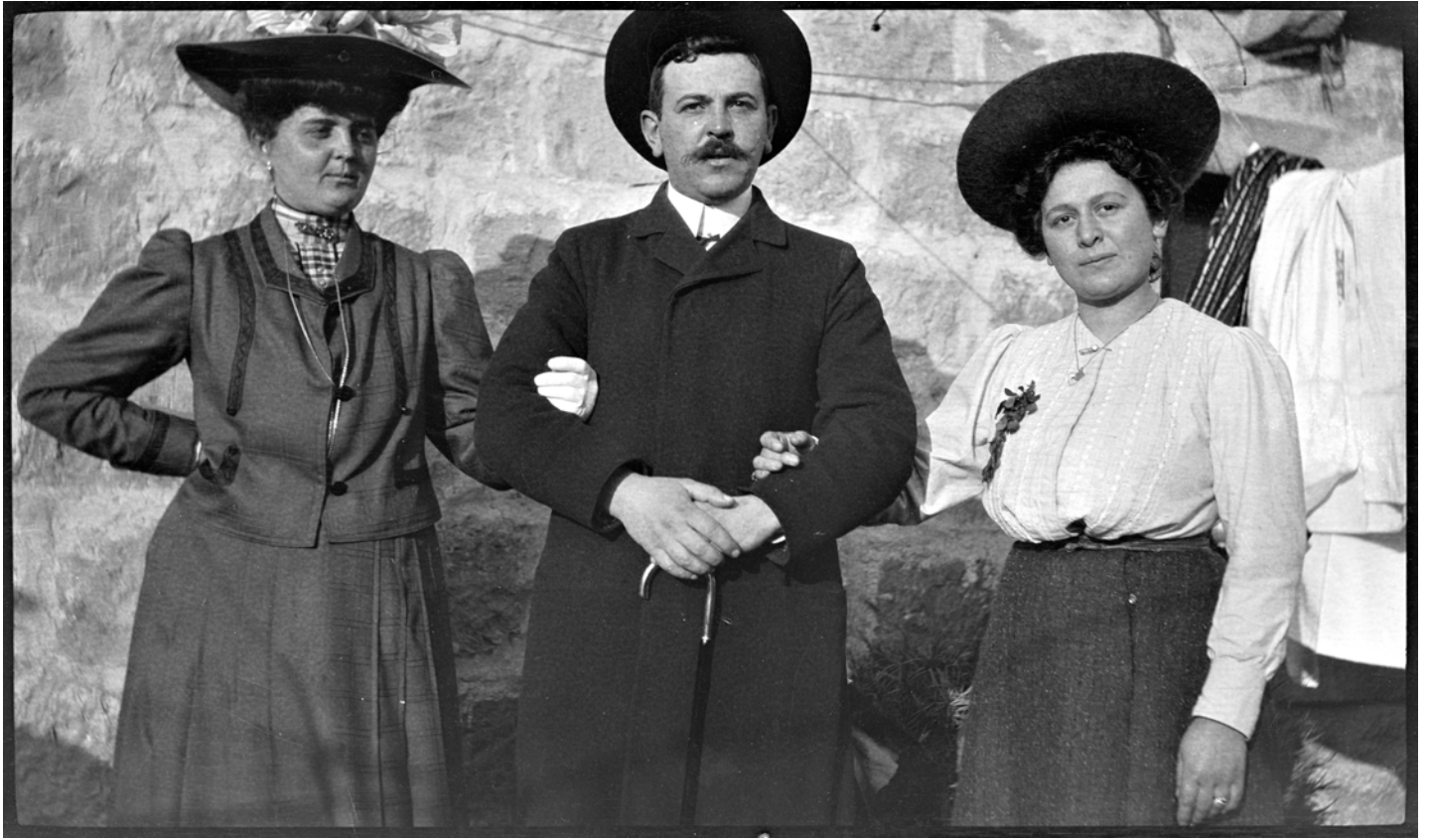




Konavle in 1908.





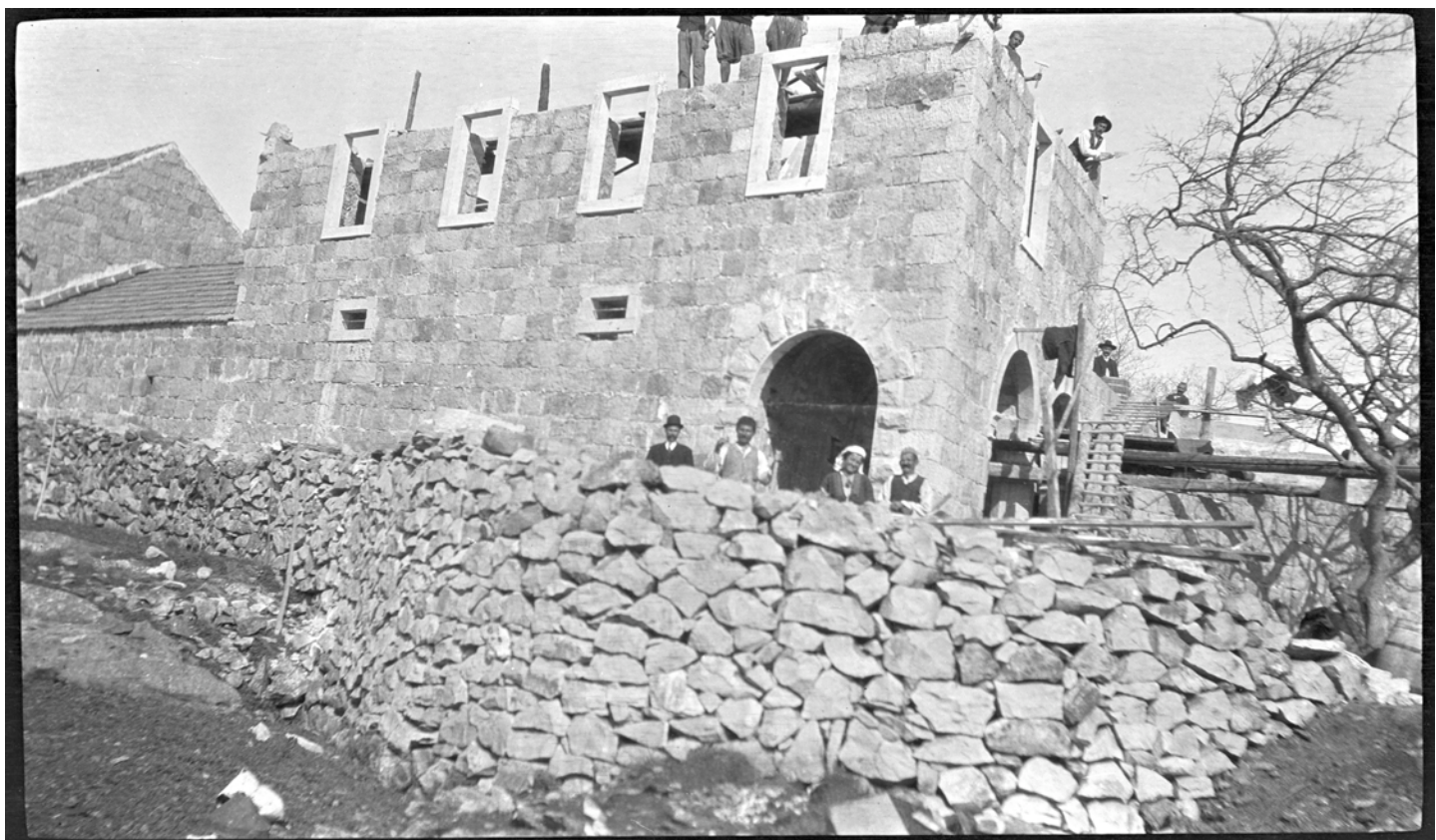






Men in Gruda in 1908. On right is postmaster Luka "Vuko" Glavić (1840-1917).





Children of Konavle in 1908. Probably in Čilipi.





Group in Čilipi in 1908. Older man sitting in the middle is Antun Skurić (1837-1924).







Group in Zvekovic in 1908. See <https://archive.org/details/rase-group> for more information.



Group in Konavle in 1908. On right is Peter Scurich (1876-1956) visiting from Watsonville, CA.





Group in front of the Gruda train station in 1908.



This photo may have been taken in Watsonville, after the trip to Konavle.